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**Amendments to the Specification**

On page 1, after the title, please amend the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/234,591, filed January 21, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,706,682, issued March 16, 2004, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the present application.--

Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 17, lines 27-32, as follows:

--The oligonucleotide sequences of the primers used are as follow:

Primer 5'

Species human

Location start of exon 1

Nucleotide sequence 5' TGC ACC CAT GGC AGA AGG AGG 3' (SEQ ID NO:1)--

Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 17, lines 34-37, as follows:

Primer 3'

Species human

Location end of exon 8

Nucleotide sequence 5' TCA CCG CCT CGG CTT GTC ACA 3' (SEQ

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Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 18, lines 2-5, as follows:

--Primer 5'  
Species rat  
Location start of exon 1  
Nucleotide sequence 5' TGC ACC CAC GAC AGA AGG GGA 3' (SEQ ID NO:3)--

Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 18, lines 7-10, as follows:

--Primer 3'  
Species rat  
Location end of exon 8  
Nucleotide sequence 5' TCA CCG CCT TGG CTT GTC ACA T 3'  
(SEQ ID NO:4)--

Please enter the Sequence Listing annexed hereto as **Exhibit A** into the subject application.